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Re: Submission for the Record – Unemployment Insurance

Good Day,

My name is Jessica Schroeder and I live in Franklin, WI. I have been unemployed for over 2 years. Along with many of my colleagues, I was laid off when our company was purchased by the #1 company in our line of business (accounts receivable) and we were #2 in this industry.

This merger created a disbanding of many of the functional groups, including the Information Technology group – Production Services which I led ... and was spearheading operational change from manual to automated processing of the data/accounts we purchased to pursue for collection.

Since that day in May of 2008 I have been unemployed, receiving Unemployment Insurance up until Tier 4 benefits expired in the last month. I have applied to hundreds of positions in and around Milwaukee, WI to no avail. I have gone back to take classes part-time in HIT (Healthcare Information Technology) in the hopes that my background, which includes an Associate Degree in Secretarial Services, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Information Technology could help me land a position within the Health Care Information Technology (HIT) area. Unfortunately, that hope has not become a reality.

I'm struggling to stay afloat as I attempt to put my son thru college at the University of WI-Oshkosh, and try to pay monthly bills for house payments, car insurance, and medical bills (I was diagnosed with cancer in 2008) and continue to fight this disease).

Please consider jobs bills that would put unemployed Americans back to work. Please consider bills that would prohibit outsourcing American jobs when there unemployed Americans who want to be employed in those jobs. Please consider continuations of Unemployment Insurance until such time as the US economy is vibrant enough to employ Americans that want to work.

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